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that flowed through, could be stored there and let out for the use of the cultivators, whenever there was scarcity of water.

He prayed that his representations might receive the early attention of the Government.

Dewan's reply.—The Chief Engineer reported that the construction of the Talliar Left Bank Channel would be very expensive and that, even if constructed, much of land could not be brought under irrigation. He proposed, as an alternative measure, the improvement of the existing four channels, which was likely to be far less expensive. He has been thereupon asked to investigate the alternative scheme and report the result. This report is awaited.

98. Roads in the Planting districts.

Mr. H. C. Westaway (Member, the Central Travancore and the Mundakayam Planters' Associations) being absent at the time, Mr. G. A. Baker (Member, Nominated) read his representation. The Member first conveyed the thanks of the Association to the Government for improving the condition of the Kottayam—Kumili Road since he sent up his memorandum. The same road required further improvements from the 33rd to the 40th mile and particularly from the 52nd mile to Kumili. He also drew attention to an old trace between Peermade and Devicolam which did not seem to have been recorded on any Government plan. The cutting of the road would open out an immense tract of country for cultivation and facilitate the export of a large quantity of valuable timber which was at present unavailable for want of a suitable out-let. It would also become the main road for the transport of rubber and for the supply of food stuffs to the Mundakayam estates. Lastly, all the tea from Peermade would go over that road as well as the food supplies for that districts The Member therefore requested that the Government might be pleased to give their earnest consideration to the road.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

VI.—Public Health.

(1) Town Improvement Committees.

99. The re-organisation of the older T. I. C's and the enlargement of their powers with regard to finance.

Mr. C. Raman Tampi, B. A. & B. L. (Member, T. I. C., Quilon) said that the Towns Conservancy and Improvement Regulation was amended by Regulation V of 1085 as a result of the representation of the T. I. C. delegates in the Assembly. The proportion of the non-official members to the official members and the Committee's powers over finance were not interfered with by the amending Regulation. On the other hand, some of the powers exercised by the Committees in regard to sanitation and appointments, dismissals &c., of some of the servants of the Committees were withdrawn and conferred upon the Presidents and Vice-Presidents. The non-official members were of opinion that a further expansion of the financial powers of the Committees was possible. The survey of the present position of the educated classes in Travancore made by Mr. K. Parameswaren Pillai in advocating reform in the Legislative Council might have convinced the Government

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